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## THREE CONVENTIONS.

THREE of the most important organizations the members of which are engaged in making war upon disease will hold their state conventions in Fairmont next year—the physicians, the registered nurses and the Hospital association.

This is a pretty good start in the movement to make Fairmont a convention city, and it should inspire others who have opportunities to do something along that line to make the effort.

Incidentally Fairmont people should begin to look forward to the time when these experts in sanitation and municipal hygiene will be our guests. We must, if we are to derive any practical benefit from entertaining visitors, make a favorable impression. A town which tolerates typhoid carrying springs and wells is not likely to commend itself very favorably to physicians and nurses.

## A PORTUGUESE THOUGHT.

"PROTECTION," says Santo Thyro, the Portuguese economist, in a recent article advising Great Britain to adopt a protective tariff policy, "should be a prop for infant industries and a basis for bargaining with foreign protective countries."

As the United States is cursed with a near-free-trade tariff law, the offspring of Woodrow Wilson and his "rubber-stamp" Congress, it can be used for neither purpose. We have nothing with which to bargain because we have given it all away.

Foreign countries have been given practically a free run of our market, and our infant industries, which for two years have been more or less protected by the European war, will find that free trade put Herod's Herod if the end of the war still finds us under Democratic control.

## A DISGRUNTLED BRIGADE.

THE Federal officeholders' Brigade of the Democratic campaign forces is sadly disgruntled. For several months the Democratic leaders had put great faith in the prosecution of election cases alleging fraud in Mingo and McDowell counties. The McDowell cases were thrown higher than a kite by a Democratic Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and never came to trial.

In the Mingo case, District Attorney Barnhardt, Marshall William Osborne, special agents sent on from the Department of Justice at Washington, and Senator D. E. French, a specially employed Democratic prosecutor, spent weeks and weeks in Mingo county, making investigations and seeking to patch up a case against the men indicted at Webster Springs. The Democratic State committee, appealed to by Democratic candidates, took up the matter and instituted a vigorous newspaper prosecution of the case, and even during the trial Democratic papers dilated upon every circumstance that tended to make things look bad for the defendants. But in spite of this a jury found a verdict of not guilty, and the carefully laid plans of the Democratic politicians to make capital of Mingo county's persecution, fell flat, and thus was another of the Democratic party's weapons snatched away.

For twelve years Mingo and McDowell counties have been held up by Democrats as a burning political issue. The leaders of that party have sought to impress the people of the State that all the wickedness in West Virginia politics was laid in

those counties, and that the Republican party was guilty of it all. Although agents spent weeks and weeks and brought upon the government thousands of dollars of expense in preparing and prosecuting the Mingo cases, similar conditions, known to exist in the adjoining Democratic county of Logan, were passed up. But the failure of the cases to stick has left the Chilton end of the Democracy in a hole. The boys have failed to deliver the goods. It was a crestfallen bunch of public servants that left Huntington early this week. The failure of the cases, coupled with the clarity of the fact that the prosecutions were political, was not calculated to leave the boys in a very cheerful frame of mind.

## WHAT HAS BECOME OF EXTRAVAGANCE?

WHERE is count No. 13, in the indictment appended to the Democratic platform?

That count charged the Republicans of West Virginia with all manner of extravagance and with maintaining a useless horde of office holders. But we hear no more about Republican extravagance. If we hear anything at all it is about some sporadic instance where a sum of money has been paid for an alleged questionable purpose.

Why have the Democrats dropped the issue they were at first prepared to take before the people as the supreme and overreaching campaign cry?

Because a Democratic Congress appropriated almost twice as much money as ever was appropriated by a Republican Congress.

Because a Democratic Congress, acting upon a platform which denounced useless offices filled by Republicans, fired all Republicans and put Democrats in their places, and then created 98,000 new positions for other "deserving Democrats."

No wonder the extravagance issue has been abandoned in West Virginia!

## AN INTERESTING POSSIBILITY.

CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, an American newspaperman who has been making an investigation of economic conditions in Europe, has been writing some interesting copy even though his work has been entirely too superficial to be of any practical value. In his latest letter in which he talks about government ownership and government operation of industries he notes that in Great Britain,

It now owns or controls and operates 4,046 factories that on Aug. 4, 1914, were wholly in private hands.

In one considerable town near the Scottish border it operates every industry the place possesses.

It has taken over control of the British railroad system.

It has taken over the entire indigo business, wool crop, hay crop, leather supply, gasoline supply; it has taken over the business of refrigerating meat shipments.

It has begun on a great scheme for land purchase.

It has made a start to take over part of the food supply; it is considering a vast imperial sugar industry; it is being urged to go into the wheat business and the bacon business.

It has made an extraordinary arrangement with Australia to handle nine-tenths of the British zinc business, now and after the war; it has become a huge manufacturer, a brewer, an unequalled carrier and a gigantic tradesman.

What the returning armies will do to the existing scheme of government remains to be seen, but assuming that there will be no change in that it is clear that if it wants to Great Britain is on a fair way to make a gigantic experiment in state capitalism without taking any of the dizzy political plunges that straight out socialism would involve.

And if it makes the try and it succeeds—well, it does not require much imagination to see what will happen to the telephone, telegraph and railway systems and the industries that furnish explosives, guns, armor and the other implements of war in this country.

The Kansas Agricultural college has begun to send out a daily weather bulletin by wireless. It is a safe guess that before the winter is over most of the Kansas farms that are fortunate enough to have a boy or a girl on them, and most of them have, will be able to boast of a receiving station in good working order. Progress cannot keep many laps ahead of the Kansas farmer, yet there are farmers in other states who cannot understand why the Kansas agriculturist gets rich.

People are being killed by strike rioters at Bayonne again. These things happen every once in a while, yet in the past decade the Standard Oil and the Rockefeller have spent more money on industrial research and sociology in general than a dozen of the leading colleges. Is the problem unsolvable, or is Standard Oil just stupid when it comes to anything outside of gathering in money?

Now bring on the football, and let it be the real thing.

The Democratic porch climbers and second story men who have been going through Governor Hatfield's papers ought to be honest enough to tell us when those senatorial campaign badges were ordered. That might throw what really eloquent political reporters call a "great white light" upon political conditions in this state.

The Reichstag Budget committee has decided that there will be no open discussion of the submarine question. Most of this submarine business is done in the dark.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Nearly time for the last lima bean of summer.—Charleston Mail.

Some who have a prejudice against gambling find occasion to make exceptions during the world's series.—Wheeling News.

Secretary Baker is reported as believing that Villa is dead. It was Baker's ghost that would not down in Shakespeare's day; and it is Pancho's ghost that will not down now.—Clarksburg Telegram.

The most of our Democratic friends believe in buying at home in practice, but they continue to hold to the "send away for it" idea in political theory.—Parkersburg State Journal.